

# *Haunted Tales*

**October 25 - Murray Park Pavilion #5**

**6 pm - Pumpkin Carving Contest**

**7 pm - Literary and Storytelling Festival**

## **Murray Halloween Literary Contest**

The contest is open to students grades 3-12 attending school or residing within Murray City boundaries. **Student entries must include the student's name, grade, school, and home phone number.** All entries must be received (not postmarked) in the Murray Parks Office by Tuesday, October 19 by 5 pm. Entries may be dropped off or mailed to Murray Arts, 5025 South State, Murray, Utah 84107. Schools may request entry pick-ups on October 19 by phoning 801-264-2638.

Categories include scary or funny short stories, poems and limericks related to Halloween. The entry does not need to be typed; but must be legibly written on a 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. Length limited to 2 typewritten pages or 6-10 handwritten pages depending on size of print. It should take no more than 4 minutes to read. Judging will be based on creativity and proper style including appropriate grade level skills for introduction, continuity, descriptive language, and conclusion. Judging will also include presentation such as title, grammar, and neatness. Winners will read their stories in the evening program on October 25 at 7 pm.

## **Storytelling Auditions**

Storytelling auditions are open to students and adults ages 8 and older who reside or attend schools within Murray City boundaries. Stories should be geared to a child audience and must be no longer than five minutes. The storytelling may include more than one person and should be memorized. Those auditioning may dress up in costumes. Auditions will be held on Tuesday October 19 between 6 and 7 pm at the Murray Parks Office. Call 801-264-2638 to schedule an audition time. Those selected will tell their stories at the premier of Haunted Tales.

## **Pumpkin Carving Contest**

A Halloween pumpkin carving competition will be held before the festival begins from 6 to 7 pm in Murray Park Pavilion #5. Limited to Murray residents or students from Murray schools, the competition is open to all ages and pumpkins may be carved by individuals or groups. There will no age categories in judging. Categories will be selected based on number and type of entries by the judges. Carved pumpkins should be brought to Murray Park Pavilion #5 between 5:45 and 6 pm